including the Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep and Minicoy Islands would be able to access DTH;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Government had in the year 2000 decided to permit Direct-to-Home (DTH) service in KU Band in India and issued detailed guidelines including application form and the license agreement for operating DTH service. These guidelines are available on this Ministry's website (www.mib.nic.in). A DTH subscriber can view a bouquet of channels through the use of a Set Top Box and dish antenna without the intervention of a cable operator.

(c) to (e) M/s ASC Enterprises, who was granted license by this Ministry in the year 2003, commenced its service with effect from 2nd October, 2003. Besides, transmissions of KU Band project of Doordarshan have commenced, which envisages distribution of 30 free-to-air channels with provision of expansion to 40 channels. The DTH project of Doordarshan enables the viewers to access television programmes in the whole country including Lakshadweep & Minicoy islands but not Andaman and Nicobar islands. However, the Doordarshan project envisaged supply of Set Top Boxes only in those small pockets of the country that were left uncovered by terrestrial television.

Telecast of adult movies

†398. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from major T.V. channels wherein it has been requested to grant permission to telecast adult movies on their network from 9.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.